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Sir:

Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action, dated March 7, 2003, hereby extending the period for response to the Office Action from June 7, 2003 to August 7, 2003.

A copy of the Response to Office Action is enclosed herewith. Please charge IBM Corporation's Deposit Account No. 50-0510 the amount of \$410.00, to cover the surcharge under 37 CFR §1.136(a). In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0510** as required to correct the error. Duplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

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